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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has under review BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application and urge the Commission to approve it without delay.

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest. I support the South Carolina Commission's decision.

Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

The Telecommunications Acts of 1996 authorized the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than 30 days. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am an advertising agency owner in the Charleston, South Carolina, area. I am writing to you in support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communication Commission to provide long distance service to business and residential customers in my state.

I understand that BellSouth's application has been thoroughly reviewed by South Carolina's Public Service Commission, an independent agency charged with balancing the needs of BellSouth and other regulated utilities with the interests of consumers and businesses. After rigorous review, the Commission concluded by a unanimous vote that BellSouth's entry into the long distance market is in the public interest.

I believe that provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for business and residential customers, and new information-age jobs for workers throughout the state.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than thirty days. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Sincerely,

Peter Wertimer

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**The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554**

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Competition is the vehicle which keeps prices in check and ensures that the consumer gets the best possible deal available.

As you know, BellSouth has applied to the Federal Communications Commission to provide long-distance service to business and residential customers in the State of South Carolina. The application enjoys the unanimous support and approval of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long-distance applications from the regional Bell companies. I urge you to approve the application with all possible haste and undue delay.

Very truly yours,

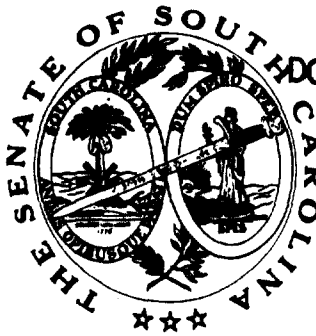
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August 5, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communication and Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The federal communication commission (FCC) now has under review, Bellsouth's application to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina. I am writing in support of Bellsouth's application and to urge the commission to approve it as soon as possible.

On July 25, 1997, Bellsouth's application was unanimously approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). I support provisions of long distance service by Bellsouth in South Carolina will provide more telecommunication choices for businesses and residential customers, I urge you to approve Bellsouth's application quickly.

Sincerely,

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Ralph Anderson

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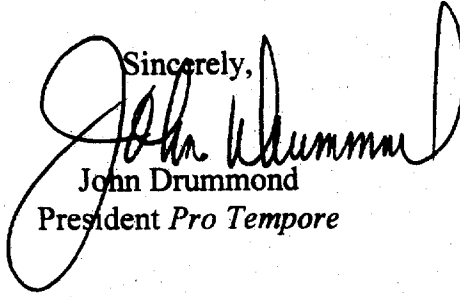
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Sincerely,

  
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Provision of long distance service by BellSouth will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

BellSouth has been a partner with government in our effort to upgrade South Carolina's telecommunications infrastructure to meet the needs of consumers, industry, education, health care and others as we prepare for the 21 Century.

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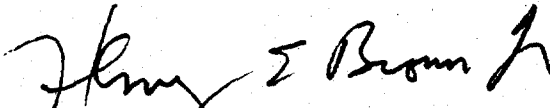
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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
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Provision of long distance service will create new incentives for BellSouth to upgrade its network to meet better the needs of South Carolina's businesses, schools, health care community, and residential customers. It will strengthen the public/private partnership for South Carolina's future.

The Telecommunication Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than 30 days. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) now has under review BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application, and to urge the Commission to approve it without delay.

BellSouth's application has been thoroughly reviewed by South Carolina's Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC is an independent agency charged with balancing the needs of BellSouth and other regulated utilities with the interests of consumers and businesses. After a rigorous review, the PSC has concluded that BellSouth's entry into the long distance market is in the public interest.

Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

BellSouth has been a partner with government in our effort to upgrade South Carolina's telecommunications infrastructure to meet the needs of consumers, industry, education, health care and others as we prepare for the 21st Century.

Provision of long distance service will create new incentives for BellSouth to upgrade its network to better meet the needs of South Carolina's businesses, schools, health care community, and

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
August 1, 1997  
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The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety (90) days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of South Carolina's PSC, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than thirty (30) days. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose, and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Sincerely,



James H. Harrison

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Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my letter.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

John D. Hawkins

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cc: Mr. Jim Thomas, Post Office Box 109, Spartanburg, SC 29304

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to ask the Federal Communications Commission to approve immediately BellSouth's entry into the long distance market in the state of South Carolina.

The South Carolina Public Service Commission has exhaustively reviewed BellSouth's application to provide long distance service and found it to be in the public interest. Their vote was unanimous. The FCC should adopt the Public Service Commission's findings and approve BellSouth's application without further delay.

Companies operating in South Carolina as well as other companies seeking to relocate look at many factors in making their future business decisions, including the price and availability of telecommunications services.

In many parts of South Carolina we continue to have higher than average costs for long distance service and businesses have a hard time finding a provider that can meet all of their communications needs. This makes our state a less attractive place for doing business and works against our goals for economic development. Allowing BellSouth into the long distance market will increase competition, resulting in better prices and better services for South Carolina businesses.

BellSouth is a local company, and plays an active part in communities throughout its service territory. It has an interest not only in its own business but in creating new opportunities for other businesses to expand and relocate in South Carolina. But until now, BellSouth has had its hands tied by outdated federal prohibitions on its ability to meet in full range of a businesses telecommunications needs.

FCC approval of BellSouth's provision of long distance service is the last barrier to a fully competitive telecommunications marketplace for South Carolina businesses. I urge you to lift that barrier without further delay.

Respectfully Yours,

Don Best

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BellSouth's application was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. I support the South Carolina Commission's decision.

Provision of long distance by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers.

In light of the findings of the South Carolina PSC, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

James D. Cockman

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September 24, 1997

The Honorable Read Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

In support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for approval to provide long distance telephone service in South Carolina, I am writing to urge you to approve it without delay. I understand that in July 1997, BellSouth's application to be long distance provider in our state was unanimously approved 7 - 0 by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal act regarding competition in the telecommunications industry, and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest.

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Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely,

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Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices and telecommunications choices. As a nonprofit (501-c-3) art museum, this benefit assists us greatly in reducing operating costs. In addition more new information age jobs for workers throughout the state will be created.

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Sincerely,

Paul C. Figueroa  
Director

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Yours very truly,

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the State of South Carolina.

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application was unanimously approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest.

I support the South Carolina Commission's decision. Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

Even though the Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies, in light of findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

  
 Leonard Krawcheck

cc: Donald Russell  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

It is a pleasure to write a letter in support of furthering the business climate under which an outstanding community supporter can operate - that company being BellSouth.

It is my understanding that your Commission will soon have BellSouth's application to provide long distance service in our state. I hope that their application is approved. Their application was unanimously approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. That says a lot for our communications needs.

Increased competition is almost always good for business. Since our local process has concluded its findings and support, I recommend that your Commission approve BellSouth's application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mack D. Hixon  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve BellSouth's entry into the long distance telephone market in South Carolina.

BellSouth has long been a wonderful corporate citizen to the non profit sector of our community. BellSouth has never been discriminatory about what section of the state it serves, i.e. it does not pick and choose the high income market, but has give service to everyone in the geographical area it serves.

BellSouth believes entry in the long distance market in South Carolina will mean better prices, better service and more choices for customers. That would be advantageous for not only the lower income individuals we serve, but for the whole state.

Please allow them entry into this market.

Sincerely,

*Jane W. Key*  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As director of a small non-profit human service agency, I am writing to urge you to approve without delay BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Committee for approval to provide long distance telephone service in South Carolina.

They have fully met the South Carolina requirements, and it is now in the best interests of the citizens of the state that approval be received quickly. The potential for reduced rates and better service is of particular importance to small organizations such as ours.

Please give our request your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Meacham ACSW  
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cc: Mr. Donald Russell  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Chairman Hundt:

It has come to our attention that BellSouth has requested approval to enter the long distance market in South Carolina. We are writing in support of this application.

Since 1991, long distance rates have been increasing, based on the average price per minute for basic service. As educators, we feel that the best way to stem this increase is through encouraging a competitive market. Because of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, our schools will benefit from discounts; however, we feel that our teachers, administrators, parents and students should also benefit from competitive prices. Because of the low socioeconomic level of our community, families need to be encouraged through more competitive prices to take advantage of a variety of telecommunication services in their homes. Because education does not end at 3:00 P.M., our district technology plan is training our students and parents to use such services for the education of our youth.

BellSouth has proven to be extremely committed to educational technology. We are one of five hundred schools which benefited from the donation of wiring kits during the recent South Carolina NetDay initiative. Our district received 37 wiring kits valued at \$22,200 from BellSouth. This allowed us to install five drops in each classroom and we feel that we are well on our way to Internet readiness. This would have taken many years to accomplish had BellSouth not been willing to invest in the education of our students.

In addition, our school system is the recipient of a

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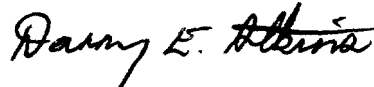
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BellSouth Showcase Grant in the amount of \$10,000.  
This is being used to facilitate the training of our  
teachers to implement technology into our curricula.

Because of BellSouth's recent support of our schools,  
we feel that they should be approved for entrance into  
the long distance market in South Carolina.

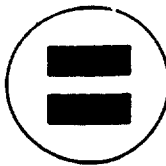
Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danny E. Atkins".

DANNY E. ATKINS  
Superintendent

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Sincerely,

Dean Andrews  
Chair, Trident Urban League  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will soon have under review BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application and to urge the Commission to approve it without delay.

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest. I support the South Carolina Commission's decision.

Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

The customers of BellSouth in South Carolina should have the right to go to one company for all of their services if they so desire. I urge you to approve BellSouth's application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Don Schronce  
Executive Vice President

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